they are two separate departments, they still continue to be under one Secretary in the Secretariat. The only thing is the Public Health Department has been transferred to my Hon. Colleague while the Sanitary Engineering Department which is mostly concerned with the work in local boards and municipalities has been retained with the Minister for Local Self-Government."

Medical Administration

Electrification of and opening of Radiological sections in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Salem.

* 487 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Headquarters Hospital at Salem has been completely electrified;

(*b*) if so, when the work was completed;

(*c*) whether X-ray and Radiological sections have been opened in that hospital; and

(*d*) if so, from which date, and if not, whether there are any proposals for opening such sections and when?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work was completed on 25th May 1935.

(*c*) & (*d*) X-ray and radiological sections have not been opened in the hospital. The question of opening an X-ray department is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, whether the X-ray and the radiological sections can be opened in the coming year?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say, Sir."

Public Health

Prevalence of cholera in the Guntur district.

* 488 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that cholera is raging in an epidemic form in the Guntur district and, if so, for how many months;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to eradicate the same;

(*c*) how many deaths due to cholera have occurred in each of the municipalities in Guntur district; and

(*d*) whether there are Health Officers in all such municipalities and if not, what are the municipalities where there are no Health Officers?

A.—(*a*) Cholera has existed in an epidemic form in the Guntur district since 2nd August 1935.

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(*b*) All possible preventive measures are being taken by the Health staff to control the disease. The Assistant Director of Public Health (Epidemics) visited and inspected parts of the district including the municipalities of Guntur and Narasaraopet. Necessary preventive measures were promptly adopted and the disease was brought under control.

(*c*)—

Municipality.	Deaths from cholera.
1 Guntur	96
2 Narasaraopet	54
3 Tenali	Free.
4 Ongole	Do.
5 Chirala	Do.

(*d*) Except the Guntur Municipality where there is a Health Officer, the other four municipalities have no Health Officers.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask whether cholera has subsided now and whether the Government have discontinued the appointment of Municipal Health Officers?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I think it has gone down considerably."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"Whose duty is it to appoint Health Officers—the Municipalities' or the Government's?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I think the appointment is made by the Government."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"If so, why did not the Government appoint a health officer for Narasaraopet when cholera was raging there?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Temporary officer?"

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"Yes."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is the District Health staff to look after the matter."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask whether the Government are prepared to appoint a second-class health officer at least for every municipality having a certain population?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The Government have found that in many cases the municipalities have been opposed to any such provision."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"What is the attitude of the Government in the matter? If the municipalities refuse to appoint health officers, are the Government going to allow them to do so?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Certainly not. Each case will be decided on its merits."